At St. Johnsbury. (Sept. 1/58.)

Beauty of the Place

Manifestation of Taste, Skill, & Ability in all the arrangements of the place

Is there an equal attention to the Mind? Of yr. Moral Nature? Is true Piety, having an equal and due development?

Is that religion, having due regard from us which requires us "to love our neighbor as ourselves" — "all things whatsoever we would" that "pure religion & undefiled before God" which is "to visit" &c,

Amidst these beauties of Nature, you should be large-hearted, Kindly disposed to ~~bless~~ all suffering men, and ready to give your hearty "God speed" to every effort to lift up the fallen and the weak

Such a cause we come to you with. The subject is not new, but the wrongs it portrays are both old & new; — the Sin is, literally, new every morn, and renewed every morning. —

Now you boast of yr. Country, and of yr. Sovereignty.

In those lands where great wrongs exist, universal condemnation awaits yr. Govt — who will not hear of those wrongs, or who lifts not a finger to remove & correct them.

But when we appeal to Y Govt: power, in this land, against yr. most venal wrongs wh. Y. Sun, in his daily course, sees inflicted on man anywhere, how little regard is paid! — What indifference is evinced!

Now what we have to say to yr. Govt: here, is not merely to tell of wrongs yt. exist, & of his power to redress those wrongs, — to remove those sufferings, — but to charge upon him the authorship of those wrongs, a direct complicity in them.

And how complicity shown?

I. In Constitution — a bargain guaranteed each other's "rights".

2. Law of '93 — for Fugitives

3. Purchase of Louisiana & Florida —

4. Missouri Compromise

5. Texas

6. New Mexico — and Fug. Slave Law.

Taxation to support a Govt

administered wholly by & for Slave Power and in its interests —

The Union & Strong Power

of Slavery,

1. Gov. Underwood, Ky
2. Mr. Gentry, Tenn.
3. Mr. Arnold, Tenn
4. Senator Benton — No

In his lecture, said, If you abolish & Union, said he, "you bring Canada away down to Mason & Dixon's line",

Without the strength of the North — no Slavery

II. Completely for more disgracefully shown in what we call our Religion,

At the time of the adoption of the Constn, the Churches with much unanimity condemned Slavery —

From that time they began to equivocate about it, to palliate it, and at length to justify it —

I. Because of prejudice against colored men, (unjust)
2. Because of hostility to Negroes - people who dislike you
3. Because they favor slavery

Pressure of Politics

1. Part of the Church
and now they refuse to see, or condemn a Christian

horror, and loathing in our souls, — and a sense of the justice of that Unseen but Infinite Power which has caused those wicked & oppressive lands to sink, one after another, from y. roll of Nations, and their Memory to ~~Last~~ not from the earth, save as its offensiveness remains as a warning to Mankind ("sent in Slaves dr. South down" National debt)

⇒ Good & Righteous Acts.

1. The Temperance Reformation.
2. Abolition of Slavery in Por: W. India islands. 1834

Followed by Same in. Fr. West Indies, Danish " "

3. Abolition of Serfdom in Russia!

"The wicked are as a troubled sea, whose waters throw up mire and dirt."

In these later times America comes upon the Stage, as one among y. Nations of y. Earth.

What is She? and what lesson of history is She writing?

She has y. advantage of all y. past History of y. world, — instructed by their follies & mistakes, as much as by their virtues & ~~by~~ by

Eighty yrs. ago we were, as our fathers deemed, an oppressed & Suffering Nation — Feeble & poor, they cried out to God for deliverance

When their Declr. of Indep. "self-evident"

In 1787 formed a Govt (1st act was to join with others)

Were Slaves freed!

Did y Churches rise & protest.

No — although there was not then y fearful committal to Slavery we have since seen, there was not y. courage, vigour, y love of God or of man to withstand y. petty temptation to unite with Britain & abet her

Sto! they joined with
their men-stealers, —
who had stolen their
African brethren, to
make them slaves.

They might have
refused to join, - and
all wd. assuredly have
gone well, and Slavery
wd. - have declined & perished,

They "consented with
thieves" - Such was
the beginning -
A wicked compromise.

That which they began,
you continue.

And as they were, so
are you, "partakers
with adulterers"

Dr. Allen of Alabama, —
"not a single marriage"

Dr. Breckenridge -
"No woman is the wife of
any husband in particular"
&c. ["a wretched traitor he"]
- & this is the universal
fact among 4,000,000

No woman is safe, no
is protected. — ~~The~~
~~husband [who is to do~~ ~~such~~
~~by affection], the~~ The law
Man has forbidden
marriage, & will separate
them when it pleases,
sell them to another
master, who will compel
them to marry again
his will or interests
dictate

So no man can justly
his wife, or his daughter
- they are not his, tho' they
are of bone of his bone, &
flesh of his flesh, and
other his dearly-loved
friend and companion.

The laws & command
God cannot be obeyed
by the Slave —
and will not be
the Master -

Is this the Union for
you?

"When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, & hast been partaker with adulterers."

Ps: 50: 18.

The world has had a long, a various, and a curious history. ~~A chequered course~~, and its many & different people have all made contributions, & important & instructive, to ye History. Then all agree in teaching this One lesson - that

"Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but Sin is a Reproach to any People."

The noble deeds for mankind, wh. have ever been undertaken by Nations, or bodies of men, live on ye Pages of history - they lift up our ideas of ye value of ye human soul & its capacities, they thrill us with joy as we read the record, and they inspire us to effort -

While the base, ye Selfish, ye cruel, ye bloody, ye persecuting, ye oppressive deeds awaken

and what fearful judgments will come upon those who "consent with thieves & partake with adulterers"

I. The parties sanction it & swear to support it.

II. The Churches sanction it. They "strike hands with ye oppressors."

I deny yt such religion has ye least sign of a resemblance to Xty.

"They who practice it & they who preach it are ye real enemies of Xt.

Their word from his mouth will be "Inasmuch as ye did it not, &c."

Every 5 minutes 1 slave
is, ~~Every hour~~ × 12 do
24
48
24
Every day × 288 do
365
1440
1728
864
In a year × 105,120

Mr. Palmer
Lower Waterford, Vt.

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